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GOLDEN TRIANGLE SCHEME FOR AYURVEDA
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce golden triangle scheme for research in Ayurveda;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is contemplating to formulate any scheme for improvement in the quality and the clinical trial of existing Ayurvedic medicines;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of funds allocated for the said scheme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) The Government is implementing the Golden Triangle Partnership Scheme since 2004.

(b) The scheme aims at setting up an Integrated Technology Mission for the development of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathic system based on synchronized working of modern medicine, traditional medicine and modern science, through a trilateral partnership between Department of AYUSH/Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha (CCRAS), Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR). The objectives of the scheme are:

i. Undertake scientific validation and development of safe, effective and standardized Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy (ASU and H) products for identified disease conditions and to develop new products effective in disease conditions of national/global importance.

ii. Utilize appropriate technologies for development of single and polyberbal products to make them globally acceptable.

iii. Promote collaborative research on AYUSH with modern medicine/modern science institutions.

(c) & (d) To ensure the quality of ASU&H drugs, the following steps have been taken:

The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Quality Control of ASU&H drugs is being implemented by the Department. Under this scheme 29 drugs Testing Laboratories and 46 Pharmacies in the Government sector and 48 GMP manufacturing units in the private sector have been provided financial assistance in the Xth Plan for setting up modern state of the art equipment for testing and manufacture off ASU&H drugs. In the XI Plan financial assistance to the tune of 30% of expenditure incurred (limited to Rs. 30.00 lakhs) is being provided to manufacturing units desirous of establishing or upgrading their in-house quality control labs.

Under the Central Sector Scheme for 'Development of AYUSH Industry Clusters' financial assistance is envisaged for setting up common testing facilities for a cluster of manufacturing units in the small and medium sector. Assistance would be restricted to 60% of the project cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 10.00 crores.

The 'Golden Triangle Partnership' scheme has a component of clinical trial which will be conducted in collaboration with ICMR using integrated protocols at different selected centres(Ayurveda and Modern Medicine) throughout the country.

(e) The following allocations have been made during the XI Plan.

Golden Triangle scheme - Rs. 75.00 crores.

Scheme of Quality Control of ASU&H Drugs – Rs. 225.00 crores.

Development of AYUSH Industry Clusters Rs. 100 crores.